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Order of Battle and Military Information

- On 5 February about 10,000 troops of the 27 Army, 3 Field Army, and the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column were in the Paoan (113-56, 22-32) area.¹ In late January there were 15,000 troops there, some of whom were transferred to an unknown destination via the Wanshan Islands.²
- On 6 February, the 21, 29, and 31 Armies,³ 3 Field Army, were in the area of Paoan, Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02), Huiyang (114-26, 23-05), Bias Bay, and Swatow. Their strength, including elements of the 4 Field Army, was about 120,000 men.⁴ About 20,000 troops of the 29 Army arrived in Kwangtung from Chekiang via Hunan (sic) and are now stationed in the Paoan-Tungkuan-Huiyang area.
- On 3 February about 30 light tanks were on the highway between Huiyang and Swatow. They were off to the side of the highway and were camouflaged with trees and grass mats.
- On 5 February an armored car company of 20 vehicles, formerly stationed at Shaho, the northeastern suburb of Canton, was transferred to Tanshui (114-28, 22-47) and Aot'ouchiang (114-32, 22-43).

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5. Early in February TSENG Sheng, commander of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, was planning soon to dispatch about 100 members of his "Daredevil Assassins" to Paoan en route to a "nearby foreign port." The men were trained at Sanhsiang (三仙) and Chungshan (113-36, 22-22). The headquarters of the column was at Shihch'i (113-22, 22-30), Chungshan Hsien.

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6. The removal of the arsenal from Shihching (113-15, 23-13) to Chihchiang (109-37, 27-27) was to be completed by the end of March.

Air Information

7. On 2 February 30 Soviet engineers and advisors arrived at Santsao Island (113- , 22-) to enlarge the facilities of the airfield. On about 31 January 50 crates of planes and spare parts arrived at the island.⁵
8. On 6 February seven jet planes flew over Canton at about 2,000 feet in single echelon formation.

Purchase of Landing Craft

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9. Early in February the Chinese Communists ordered a large number of landing craft from ship-building companies in the Shen P'u (深埔) and Nin Ch'ih Wan (牛池灣) area of Kowloon. Late in January they ordered 40 landing craft of about 100 tons each from the Ching Chi (敬記) shipyard in Kowloon.

Political Information

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10. In early January the South China Sub-Bureau ordered all its workers in Hong Kong and Macao to return to Canton for a short period of political training to be completed by the end of February. The workers were then to return to Hong Kong and Macao.

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11. Early in February the Kwangtung Public Security Bureau decided to hold an emergency meeting in Canton on 7 February, and advised the Haij'ou (110-20, 20-03) Public Security Office to send reports to the meeting.⁶

12. Early in February political workers in speeches to the villages of the Paoan area stated that Hong Kong would be "liberated" in three months. Posters calling for the return of the New Territories appeared late in January in all railroad stations from Shihlung (113-51, 23-07) southward.⁷

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